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<b>371, for PROBE AND METHOD OF</b>	)	
<b>MANUFACTURING PROBE</b>	)	

**Commissioner for Patents**  
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Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

**An abstract** is provided on page 7 of this amendment and as a separate page enclosed herewith.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.